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LAſtnight arrived here a flying Pacquet, which brought us the moſt ſorrowful News of the Death of our late Gracious Soveraign; Whereupon the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Treaſurer cauſed the Privy Council immediately to meet, and having expreſſed their juſt Grief for the loſs of ſo good a King and Maſter, they unanimouſly, and with great Alacrity, reſolved to Proclaim the next morning Our Dread Soveraign King *JAMES* the Seventh. Accordingly at eight this morning the Privy Council met again, and having read his Majeſties Gracious Letter to them, the Lord Chancelor took the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of a Privy Councellor and the Teſt, and then adminiſtred the ſame to the other Counſellors, which done, they all Signed the Proclamation for Proclaiming his Majeſty, and then went to aſſiſt at the ſolemnity of it. The Lord Provoſt, Magiſtrates and Town Council in their Formalities marched bare Headed, next the Lyon and Heralds in their Coats of Arms diſplayed; Then the Lord Chancelor, Lord Treaſurer, and the reſt of the Officers of State and Councellors, and other Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and after them the Lords of the Seſſion in their Robes; The Trained Bands ſtanding on both ſides the Streets: Being come to the Croſs, and mounting it, The Lord Chancelor Proclaimed the King, which was followed with an Univerſal Acclamation from more than 30000 of all Ranks of people preſent, who with up-lifted hands Swore Allegiance to his Majeſty. And then was Proclaimed his Majeſties Gracious Proclamation [illegible] continuing all Officers by Ly[illegible] King at Arms; after which they marched back in the ſame manner to the Council Houſe. In the afternoon the Privy Council met again, and went with the Magiſtrates to the Croſs, where they drank the King and Queens Health, and the reſt of the Royal Family. The Town was full of Bonfires, the Canon from the Caſtle fired all the while, and the Night concluded with all imaginable Demonſtrations of joy and ſatisfaction.

A PUBLICATION,

Of the Royal Authority, of the moſt Serene, moſt Mighty, and moſt Auguſt Monarch, JAMES *the Seventh, by the Grace of God, King of* Scotland, England, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith,* &c.

The Earl of *Perth*, Lord High Chancellor.
The Lord Arch Biſhop of St. *Andrews*.
The Duke of *Queensberry*, L. High Treaſurer.
The Lord Arch-Biſhop of *Glaſgow*.
The Lord Marquis of *Athol*, Lord Privy-Seal.
The Lord Duke of *Hamilton*.
The Lord Marquis of *Douglas*.
The Earl of *Drumlanrig*.
The Earl of *Wintoun*.
The Earl of *Linlithgow*, Lord Juſtice-general.
The Earl of *Southesk*.
The Earl of *Panmure*.
The Earl of *Tweedale*.
The Earl of *Balcarras*.
The Lord *Tester*.
The Lord *Kingaird*.
L. Preſident of the Seſſion.
L. Regiſter.
L. Advocat.
L. Juſtice Clerk.
L. *Caſtlehill*.
General Lieutenant *Drummond*.
Drumelzeer.
Abbotſhall.
Colonel *Graham* of *Claver-Houſe*.
Goſsfoord.

FOraſmuch as it hath pleaſed the Almighty God, to call Charles *the Second, Our late Soveraign Lord, of Glorious and ever Bleſſed Memory, from a Temporary Crown, to Inherit an Eternal in the Heavens; Whereby the undoubted Right of Succeſſion, to Him, in the Imperial Crown of This Realm, was immediately Devolved on the Sacred Perſon of His Royal, and Dearest Brother, Our preſent Sacred Soveraign (whom God long preſerve.) Therefore We, the Lords of His Majeſties Privy-Council, Authorized in that Capacity, by His Majeſties Royal Letter, bearing Date at* Whitehall, *the Sixth day of* February *Inſtant, Do, with the Concurrence of Several other Lords, Spiritual, and Temporal, Barons, and Burgeſſes of this Realm, Hereby Declare, and Proclaim to all the World, That Our Soveraign Lord* JAMES *the Seventh, is by Lawful and undoubted Succeſſion and Deſcent,* KING *of* Scotland, England, France *and* Ireland, *and the Dominions there-unto-belonging,* Defender of the Faith, *&c. (Whom God preſerve and Bleſs with a Long, Glorious, Happy Life and Proſperous Reign) And whom We ſhall humbly Obey, Dutifully and Faithfully Serve, Maintain and Defend, with Our Lives and Fortunes againſt all Deadly, as Our only Righteous King and Soveraign, over all Perſons, and in all Cauſes, as Holding His Imperial Crown from God alone. And for Teſtification whereof, We here, in preſence of the Almighty God, and a great number of His Majeſties Faithful People, of all Eſtates and Qualities, who are aſſiſting with Us, at this Solemn Publication, of Our Due, Humble, and Faithful Acknowledgment of His Supream Soveraign Authority, at the Mercat Croſs of the City of* Edinburgh, *Declare and Publiſh, That Our ſaid Soveraign Lord, by the Goodneſs and Providence of Almighty God, is of* Scotland, England, France, *and* Ireland, *and Dominions thereunto belonging,* The moſt Potent, Mighty, and undoubted KING. *And hereby give Our Oaths, with up-lifted Hands, that We ſhall bear True and Faithful Allegiance, unto Our ſaid Sacred Soveraign,* JAMES *the Seventh; King of* Great Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith,* &c. *And to His Lawful Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſhall perform all Duties, Service, and Obedience to him, as becomes His Faithful, Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects. So help Us God.*

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
WILL. PATERSON, Cls. Sti. Concilii.

God Save King JAMES *the Seventh.*

By the King.

JAMES *R.*

JAmes *the Seventh, by the Grace of God, King of* Scotland, England, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith,* &c. *To all and ſundry Our good Subjects whom theſe Preſents do or may concern, Greeting. Whereas it hath pleaſed God this day to call out of this Life, from the*

the possession of an Earthly Diadem, to the fruition of an Eternal Crown of Glory, His late Majesty Our Royal and most dearly beloved Brother Charles the Second; We have thought fit to publish Our Royal Pleasure, That all Our Officers of State, Privy-Counsellors, Magistrates, and all other Officers whatsoever, both Civil and Military within Our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, do, and they and every one of them respectively, are hereby Authorized and Required to Act in all things conform to the late Commissions and Instructions they had from His said late Majesty of Blessed Memory, until new Commissions from Us can be prepared and sent down to them. And for their so doing, This shall be to them, and every one of them respectively, a full Warrant.

Given under Our Royal Hand, at Our Court at Whitehall, the Sixth day of February 1684. And of Our Reign the First Year.

By His Majesty's Command,
Jo. Drummond.

A Letter to His Majesty from his Privy Council of Scotland.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

NOthing could support us under this great load of just grief and sorrow, for the removal of our late Gracious Soveraign, who transcended all that ever Reigned before him, in Wisdom, Justice, and Clemency: But that he being thereby become without doubt more happy and Glorious, hath left us under your Sacred Majesties most Auspicious Government, who are the undoubted and just lineal Heir of his Authority and Soveraignty, and the true Successour of his Royal Virtues, with all those great qualities which can fit a Prince for the glorious dignity of being Vicegerent to Almighty God. In whom also this your ancient Kingdom cannot but be happy in a most especial manner, your Majesty being the Lineal and Legal Successor, of that most ancient Race of Kings, by whom for so many ages this Kingdom hath been Governed with so much Justice, and defended by so much Valour; And your Sacred Majesty having been so instrumental in your own Person to secure us against those Confusions and Distractions, in which we were involved, before your Majesty did us the honour to spend some time amongst us.

We therefore your Majesties Privy Council, being Authorised by your Gracious Letter, did meet, and in Recognizance of your just right and Title, we did renew to your Sacred Majesty who now Reigns, the usual Oath of Privy Councillors, and thereafter attended by the Nobility and Clergy of this your ancient Kingdom, the Lords of your Council and Session, and the Magistrates of your City of Edinburgh, did at the Mercat Cross of this City, as use is, Proclaim and Declare your Majesty our King and Soveraign, binding our selves by a solemn Oath, to hazard our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of your Majesties Title and Person, which was most dutifully and joyfully seconded by the universal Acclamations of those great crowds of your Majesties Subjects who were then present. After which we likewise Promulgated your Gracious Proclamation, for continuing your Officers, Judges, and Magistrates in their former Employments. And as to these wherein your Majesty is graciously pleased to continue us. We shall make it our chief endeavour to improve the same with all zeal and faithfulness for the good of your Majesties Service. And that Almighty God, by whom Kings Reign, may preserve your Royal Person, and make your Government Glorious and Successful, is and ever shall be the Hearty Prayers of,

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

Your Majesties most Humble, most Faithful, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Edinb. Febr. 10. 1685.

A Letter to his Majesty from the Arch-Bishops and Bishops of Scotland.

Most Sacred Soveraign,

OUR deep and Just Sorrow for the Death of our late Blessed and Gracious King, would certainly swallow us up, did not the righteous and peaceable Succession of your Majesty support us under our unexpressible affliction.

Had we the honor and happiness to prostrate our Persons at your Royal Feet, our Tears would prove our best Orators for the former, as our Prayers and Thanksgivings to the only Ruler of Princes, and our best and most faithful endeavours to serve your most Sacred Majesty, shall ever express our Joy and Zeal for the Latter.

Your pious Zeal for the Honour and Interest of your Royal Brother our late Soveraign now in Glory; and for this your Ancient Kingdom whilst we enjoyed the happiness of your presence amongst us, as it did then demonstrate you to be the best and most obedient of Subjects, so did it Prognosticate your being the kindest and most Paternal of Soveraign Princes to your People.

At this distance from your Royal Presence, we are able in our present circumstances to do no more than humbly to Address to your Majesty in Paper, to pay that Duty we owe upon so Solemn an occasion; But are resolv'd (if your Sacred Majesty shall allow) to desire the Arch-Bishop of St. Andrews (who is most desirous and ambitious to congratulate your most righteous Succession to the Thrones of your Royal Ancestors) to Address himself to your Royal Presence, more fully to express our sense and duty, than a Letter can allow, and humbly to implore your Majesties Protection and Favour to this National Church, and to our Order and Persons; which we are humbly confident to obtain, when we reflect upon your Piety and Zeal for all these Interests, during your aboad in this Kingdom

To honour, serve and humbly obey your Sacred Majesty in all our capacities, as Gods Vicegerent over us, is not only incorporated into our Religion, but is the most Zealous Inclination of,

Most Sacred Soveraign,
Your Majesties most Humble, most Loyal, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Edinburgh 10th Feb. 1685.

Dublin, February, 11. His Grace the Duke of Ormond, Lord-Lieutenant of this Kingdom, having received last night an Express with the sad News of Our Inestimable loss in the death of our late Soveraign King CHARLES the Second, immediately summoned the Privy-Council, and there gave the Orders that were necessary on this occasion. This morning the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, the Privy-Council, the Judges, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and the Officers of the Army, as many of each Degree as were in Town, with many other Gentlemen of Quality, all in the Habits proper to their several Capacities attended his Grace in the Great Hall of the Castle, and having there unanimously Subscribed a Recognition of the Indubitable Right and Title of His Majesty King JAMES the Second, took Horse in the Castle-Yard, and riding out from thence attended with the Heralds, the several Ensigns of Authority and the Trumpets and Kettle Drums, Proclaimed His Majesty in three places of this City, first at the Castle-Gate, then at the Tolsil, and lastly in the publick Corn-Market, with Volleys of Shot from the great Guns at each Proclamation. The whole Procession was performed with all the Splendor and Solemnity the shortness of time would permit, and with all possible demonstrations of joy and satisfaction. In the Afternoon the Council was summoned again, and two Proclamations were Signed to be sent forthwith to all the Counties of the Kingdom, the one for Proclaiming the King in all Shire Towns and Towns Corporate, and the other for continuing all Magistrates and Officers both Civil and Military in their several Employments; And the night was begun with Bonfires and ringing of Bells. The Recognition and Proclamation was according to the Form used in England.

Whitehall, February 17. This day was published the following Proclamation.

JAMES R.

WHereas the Commissioners of the Treasury of the late King Our Dearly beloved Brother Deceased, Sidney Lord Godolphin, Sir John Ernely Knight, Sir Stephen Fox Knight, Sir Dudley North Knight, and Frederick Thynne Esquire, on the Fifth day of this instant February, for the better Improvement of the Revenue arising by the Duty of Excise, did Contract, Conclude, and Agree with Sir Peter Apsley Knight, Sir Benjamin Bathurst Knight, and James Graham Esquire, That they the said

Sir

Sir Peter Apſley, Sir Benjamin Bathurſt, and James Grahme, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, ſhould have, receive and take the full and whole Duty of Exciſe for the Term of Three years to Commence from the Date of the ſaid Contract, rendring to the late King, His Heirs and Succeſſors, the yearly Rent of Five hundred and fifty thouſand pounds payable by Quarterly Payments, The First Payment to be made at the Feaſt of the Annunciation of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary next enſuing, under ſuch Covenants and Agreements for Payment and Securing the ſaid Rent, as in and by the ſaid Contract are Provided for.

And whereas We have been Certified by the Opinion of Our Judges (whoſe Opinion for Our greater Satisfaction herein We have Required) That the ſaid Contract made by the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of our Late Dear Brother is Good and Valid in Law, and hath Continuance during the ſaid Three Years, as well for that Part of the ſaid Revenue, which was Granted to Our ſaid Dear Brother for Life, as for that part which was Granted to Him, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by vertue of the Acts of Parliament which gave thoſe Duties, notwithſtanding the Deceaſe of Our ſaid Dear Brother; to the intent therefore, the ſaid Sir Peter Apſley, Sir Benjamin Bathurſt and James Grahme, who have made ſuch Contract with the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, may have no Pretence to withhold the ſaid Rent from Us, and that Our loving Subjects, who are Chargeable with the Payment of the ſaid ſeveral Duties, may not incur the Penalties inflicted by the Laws of Exciſe, for not making due Entries, or Non payment, or Concealing of any Part of the ſaid Duties, during the ſaid Term of Three Years; We do hereby Signifie and Publiſh to all Our loving Subjects, That Our ſaid Judges have Certified to Us their Opinions in Law, That the ſaid Contract hath Continuance notwithſtanding the Deceaſe of Our ſaid Dear Brother: Our Will and Pleaſure therefore is, And We do hereby ſtrictly Charge and Command all Our Commiſſioners and Sub-Commiſſioners of Exciſe, and all other Our Officers Employed or to be Employed in the Collection of the ſaid Duties, That they be Aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Sir Peter Apſley, Sir Benjamin Bathurſt, and James Grahme, and their Aſſigns, in the Collecting and Levying of the ſaid Duties during the ſaid Term of Three Years, according to the ſeveral Powers and Authorities Placed in them by the ſeveral Acts for Granting of the Exciſe. And that all Our loving Subjects chargeable with the Payment of the ſaid Duties do make their due Entries and Payments, as is Provided by the Laws of Exciſe during the ſaid Term of Three Years upon the Pains and Penalties to be inflicted thereupon, according to the ſaid Laws of Exciſe.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the ſixteenth day of *February*, 1684. In the First year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Whitehall, Febr. 18. The Following Addreſſes have been preſented to his Majeſty who received them very Graciouſly.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Governour and Company of Merchant-Adventurers of England.

WE your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Governour and Company of Merchant-Adventurers of England, having by the Royal Grace and Favour of your Majeſties moſt Noble Predeceſſors, flouriſhed as a Company of Merchants, near the ſpace of 400 years, as we are the ancienteſt in time, do think our ſelves obliged to be the firſt in Duty, in making this our moſt humble Addreſs to your Majeſty. And being overwhelmed in Sorrow, for our unſpeakable loſs, in the Death of our late Dread Soveraign your Majeſties moſt dear Brother; are in a great meaſure comforted and ſupported in that our juſt grief, by the Rightful, Lineal, and unqueſtionable Succeſſion of your moſt Sacred Majeſty, Rendring infinite thanks for your Gracious Proclamation of the 9th inſtant; and do humbly ſubmit to your Royal Will and Pleaſure therein, for the Collection of the Cuſtoms as formerly; and always praying, (as in Duty bound) your Majeſties Government may be long and proſperous over us, We will ever be ready to maintain and defend the ſame with our Lives and Fortunes.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord and Proprietary, the Merchants, Traders and Planters, of and belonging to his Majeſties Province of *Maryland*.

WE your Majeſties moſt Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects, the Lord, and Proprietary Merchants, Traders and Planters of and belonging to your Majeſties Province of Maryland; As we do with the deepeſt ſence of Sorrow humbly bemoan your Majeſties loſs of the beſt of Brothers, in the Deceaſe of our late moſt Gracious Soveraign. So do we no leſs Rejoice at your Majeſties happy Acceſſion to the Throne of your Royal Predeceſſors, and Soveraignty over us, ſince the early and many Proofs which your Majeſty has given abroad, and at home, in Defence of your now Dominions, of all thoſe Royal virtues, which now render you the greateſt of Monarchs, and moſt eſpecially, your Magnanimity and ſteddy Conduct in the moſt adverſe of Fortunes, has given us aſſurance that our Lives and Properties are ſecurely depoſited in your Majeſties hands. We therefore in regard that the Cuſtomes are the moſt conſiderable, and growing Branch of your Majeſties Revenue, Do moſt humbly acquieſce and ſubmit to the Proclamation which your Majeſty has been pleaſed to publiſh for Collecting the Cuſtomes as in the time of our late Soveraign, and ſhall pay all Obedience thereunto. Wiſhing with moſt ſincere and Zealous hearts, that your Majeſty may continue in a long and Glorious Reign over us.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, Court of Aſſiſtants, and Body of the Artillery Company of the City of London.

THat your Majeſties ſaid ever loyal and moſt obedient Subjects and Souldiers, do with all their Souls bleſs Almighty God for the deliverance of your Sacred Majeſty out of the hands of your blood-thirſty and malicious Enemies, and for repairing the heavieſt Calamities imaginable in the loſs of our late Dread Soveraign, by ſo Illuſtrious a Succeſſion both to his Imperial Crown, and to his Royal Vertues, all Plots, Forgeries, and Antimonarchical Bills of Excluſion notwithſtanding.

And your Majeſties humble Subjects being conſcious to themſelves of the double Duty as well of a Military as of a Civil Allegiance, having for many years laſt paſt had the Honour to bear Arms under your Majeſties Command, as their Princely Leader, and at preſent as their Dread Soveraign, Do with their Lives and Fortunes declare their uttermoſt deteſtation of all Conſpirators and Conſpiracies whatſoever; and that they will with their Swords in their Hands defend your Majeſties Honour, Perſon, Crown, Title and Dignity againſt all Oppoſers to their laſt Breath; Beſeeching Almighty God to ſhowre down upon your Sacred Head all Bleſſings both of the Right and Left Hand. And your Majeſties moſt dutiful Subjects do no longer expect mercy from Heaven, than while they continue firm and ſteady in their Faith and Allegiance to your moſt Excellent Majeſty.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, King JAMES *the Second,*

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of the City of Winchester.

SHEWETH,

THat we your Majeſties moſt loyal, dutiful and obedient Subjects, do from the bottom of our Hearts, and with inexpreſſible grief condole the Death of that Excellent Prince King CHARLES the Second, (of bleſſed Memory) your Majeſties dear Brother; and our late Dread Soveraign, and with unſpeakable Joy give thanks to Almighty God for your Majeſties Acceſſion to the Throne of your Anceſtors, and Government of theſe Nations, rightly deſcended to you: And we moſt humbly pray that your Majeſty will pleaſe to accept of our Vows and unalterable Reſolutions to venture our Lives and Fortunes for the defence of your ſacred Perſon, Crown and Dignity.

We ſhould be ungrateful if we could forget, how often your Majeſty hath freely ventured your Life for the Honour and Preſervation of theſe Kingdoms, when your Valour Crowned you with Lawrels, and we muſt loſe our ſenſes to imagine you will do leſs for their Welfare now, that Heaven hath placed you on the Throne.

And your Majeſty was Graciouſly pleaſed to be inſtrumental to your late Royal Brother, and preſent Queens, honouring our City with their preſence; and we humbly hope and pray That at ſome leiſure time, you and your Royal Conſort will

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